

\$3,250,000 SAVING NOTED IN COMMERCE IS REPORT FOR YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Vigorous expansion of all the functions of the department of commerce, close keying of its efforts to the expressed desires and needs of commerce and the trades, careful avoidance of governmental meddling in business affairs, and the saving despite all advance in accomplishment of more than three and one quarter million dollars from a single year's appropriation, were the highlights of the departmental report for fiscal year 1922, submitted today to President Harding, by Secretary Herbert Hoover, in accordance with the law.

Exhaustive and practical conferences with the principal trade groups and firms interested in foreign trade led, in the words of the report, "to an entire revision of the character of information sought from foreign countries in broadening its economic character and in rendering more specific its values to the different industries. An index of the appreciation of the service which this organization involved is found in the increase of inquiries to the department for assistance to a total of 589,533 during the fiscal year or about double those during the previous fiscal year. World surveys of stocks and consumption of cotton, wool, wheat, rice and other commodities and manufactured goods, have been and are being conducted constantly. Co-operation of several hundred newspapers and periodicals has made this vast business information service currently available to ten million readers.

The initiation of the policy of seeking guidance from the industrial community and responding sensitively to current needs applied also to all domestic affairs. The report cites particularly the case of the agricultural and commodity crisis of the summer of 1921, when investigation by the department of commerce revealed the necessity for the reconstruction of the War Finance corporation and the extension of three hundred million dollars in loans to the American farmer. "The impending widespread bankruptcy in the agricultural industry," the report says, "was thus prevented. . . . The beneficent results of this credit operation in contribution to the economic recovery of the country can not be overestimated." Warfare, by close non-partisanistic co-operation with the business world, against a housing shortage of one million dwellings, against a great employment emergency affecting five million workers, and against the effects of coal and transportation tie-ups which unchecked would have meant acute suffering, setback and disorder, is reviewed. In these and in minor interventions the method employed was, first, through an open conference with all the interested elements of the community and, second, service as a clearing house of information and center of stimulus for all agencies enlisted to expedite the normal processes of recuperation.

Regarding the coal strike the report cites the action of the department in securing the following results: (1) The country entered the strike with the largest stocks of coal on hand ever known, owing to departmental surveys and a general campaign to increase storage prior to the strike. These stocks allowed commerce and industry to be maintained during the longest strike in our history. (2) In the absence of any legislation, voluntary agreements were entered into with producing operators whereby the average price of spot coal for the entire period of the strike was held at \$3.70 per ton as compared with \$6.20 in 1920, when production was three times as great; and thus millions of dollars were saved to consumers. (3) With the exhaustion of stocks during the latter part of the strike, a voluntary coal distributing agency was established through co-operation with the governors of all states and the Interstate Commerce commission.

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First Methodist Secures Famous Song Leaders

The First M. E. church has secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Loren G. Jones, famous song leaders with Bob Jones, great southern evangelist, to participate in a series of evangelistic meetings to be conducted at the church from Jan. 7 to 28, it is announced. Confirmation of the engagement of the two great evangelists was made by the official board Monday night. In addition to being song leaders, both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are educational directors as well. Both are college graduates and have had a great deal of experience with students. Bob Jones will take a vacation from his evangelistic work in January, thus releasing the songsters for this engagement. Plans for the revival will be started at once.

Food and Clothing Donated For Distribution to Poor

Gifts of food and clothing were being received Tuesday at the golf school of E. W. Harbert over the First National bank for distribution to the poor of the city by the Christmas clearing committee. Gifts for this committee will be received by Mr. Harbert until Dec. 23, it is announced. His office hours are 10 to 5 daily, until Christmas. Contributions to the fund are being received daily by Albert Morel, treasurer, at the Second National bank. It was announced Monday night that the Rotary club has contributed \$100 to the fund, that the Kiwanis club has given \$50, Entree Nours club, 10; Mrs. Howard Hill, \$5; that \$2 has been contributed from unknown sources. Almost \$400 has been received by the committee thus far.

Fairfield, Ind.

FAIRFIELD, Ind.—Miss Blanche Cromwell, Mrs. Omer Personette and Mrs. John Kelley attended the banquet of the Women's League of Voters at Connersville last Saturday. Mrs. Lewis Rose of Connecticut was the principal speaker. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jinks and son, Roland, and Mrs. George Jinks were shopping in Brookville Thursday afternoon. . . . Abram Rose and Mrs. Gertrude LaTague of Richmond were married at the home of his mother, Mrs. Belle Swift, Sunday, Dec. 3, by Rev. Miller. . . . Miss Mary Jones, formerly of this place, died at the county infirmary last Wednesday evening. The funeral was held at the M. E. church Friday after-

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The internal revenue bureau has made plans to extend further aid to federal taxpayers this year in an effort to reduce the number of errors which annually have crept into the income tax returns of the millions who help pay the way of the government. Schools of instruction for deputy collectors and attaches of revenue collectors' offices are being held throughout the country, it was announced today. The revenue bureau believes the method of training will result in reducing the amount of re-checking the delay necessitated by misunderstanding of the forms which the taxpayers must file.

Forms for the preparation of the returns soon will be in the hands of collectors throughout the country in an effort to speed up the filing of the returns which must be delivered to the collectors by March 15.

News of the Counties

SPARTANBURG, Ind.—Much interest has been manifested in the revival services at Spartanburg under the direction of the Rev. L. F. Ulmer, of Richmond. Seven seekers were at the altar Monday evening. The revival is to continue all week.

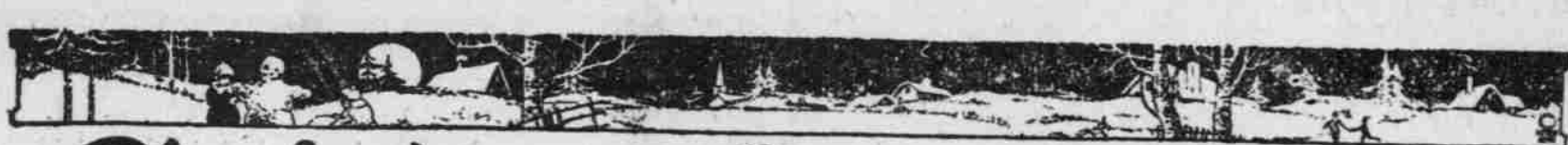
noon. Burial in the Brier cemetery. The deceased was an aunt of Mrs. O. Cowing of Brookville, Ind. . . . J. T. Buckley has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Adda Fry. A sale of personal property will be held Jan. 2. . . . The W. F. M. S. held a very good meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Miller last Tuesday. The next meeting will be Jan. 3 at the home of Mrs. Herbert Jinks. . . . Rev. Miller, Rev. Mills, J. R. Johnston, Dr. Preston and J. T. Buckley attended a ministerial meeting at Milroy last Wednesday. "Cranberry Corners," a play given by classes five and six of the M. E. Sunday school was a decided success Saturday evening. About \$39 was cleared. . . . Miss Vivian Osborne of Brookville was the guest of friends here Friday and Saturday. . . . Lute Masters and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Phoebe Masters. . . . George Balm and family spent Sunday with Roy Wolber and family near Whitcomb. . . . Lenard Veal and family spent Sunday with Frank Cromwell and family. . . . Mrs. Frank Cromwell, Mrs. Edna Veal and Lewis Harrell were in Richmond one day last week. . . . Miss Berneice was the guest of Miss Emma Younts for dinner Sunday. . . . Miss Grace Britton of Bentley has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Grimes the past week.

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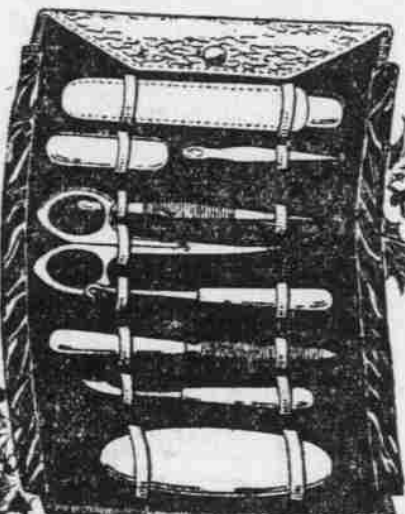
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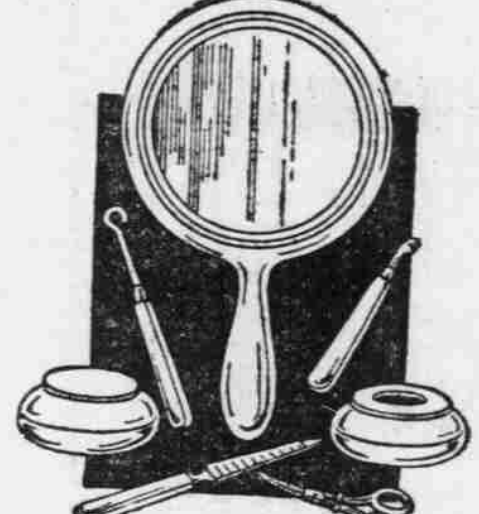
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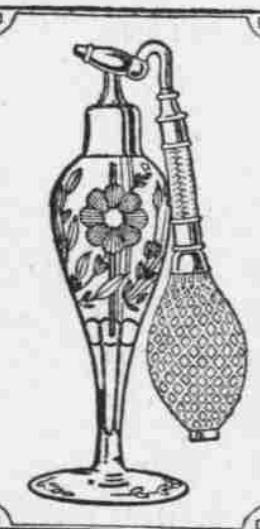
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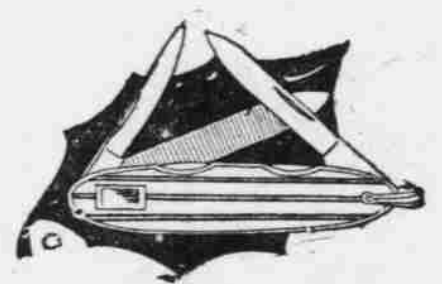


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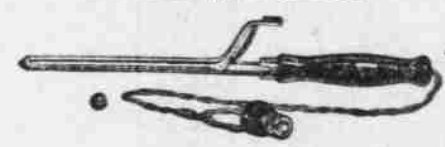
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